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Father Pleads No Contest for Crash that Killed Young Daughter

A Lancaster father pleaded no contest today to three felony counts for driving under the influence when he crashed, killing his daughter and injuring his two other children last summer, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Abbigail Briones said Kendrick Trevon Harris, 29, entered the plea to one count of vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and two counts of child endangerment.

Sentencing is scheduled on June 12 in Department A19 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Antelope Valley Branch. Harris faces more than 12 years in state prison.

The defendant was driving under the influence with his children in the back seat of the vehicle on July 3, 2018, the prosecutor said. At the intersection of Avenue K and 20th Street East, Harris crashed into a pole, killing victim Kilee Harris, 5.

His two other children, ages 5 and 9, were injured but survived, the prosecutor added. Harris' blood alcohol level was .08%, according to evidence presented at the preliminary hearing.

Case MA074251 was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Lancaster Station.

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